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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA SHIPPING DISPUTE

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1. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, FMC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICER, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ATTORNEY FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE GENERAL COUNSEL AT THE FMC, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR
LAMPOR MORNING OF JANUARY 13 TO DELIVER COPY OF AMENDED
FINAL RULE. FMC OFFICERS DESCRIBED MEETING AS CORDIAL
AND BUSINESSLIKE. LAMPOR ASKED HOW MUCH TIME HE HAD
TO BRING ABOUT RESOLUTION OF MATTER BEFORE SANCTIONS WERE
ACTUALLY APPLIED. HIS QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON THE ASSURANCES
THE FMC WOULD NEED IN ORDER TO SUSPEND THE BONDING REQUIRE-
MENT CONTAINED IN ITS FINAL RULE.

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2. CLEAR IMPLICATION OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WAS THAT HE
WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN GENERAL WAIVER FROM HIS GOVERNMENT
FOR NON-FAVORED CARRIERS AND WANTED TO BE SURE THAT IF HE
DID SO THE FMC WOULD SUSPEND ITS ORDER FOR EQUALIZING FEES
AND A BOND ASSURING PAYMENT OF THEM. FMC OFFICERS
EMPHASIZED THAT THE COMMISSION DESIRED TO AVOID HAVING TO
APPLY THE SANCTIONS.

3. THE FIRST VESSEL OF A FAVORED CARRIER DUE TO CALL
AT A U.S. PORT AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FINAL RULE
IS A FLOMERCA VESSEL CALLING AT NEW YORK ON JANUARY 17.
LAMPART, IN JUDGMENT OF FMC, HOPES TO OBTAIN WAIVER
WITHIN A WEEK.

4. DEPARTMENT POUCHING PRESS CLIPPINGS FROM JOURNAL OF
COMMERCE CONCERNING COMMISSION'S DECISION. COVERAGE HAS
BEEN MODERATE AND REASONABLY ACCURATE. CHRISTOPHER

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